

The Trumpet

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Pilgrimage Ponderings



Worship Schedule
Sundays 10:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
Saturdays 6:00pm



March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Service at TLC
7:00pm Service at
First & St. Peters

Daylight Savings
Time Begins
March 13th



St. Patrick's Day
March 17, 2022

First Day of Spring
March 20, 2022



I've followed the crowd and joined the participants in the new online game called "Wordle." The goal is to stimulate brain cells to function, but the reality is increased frustration with my lack of ability to come up with 5 letter words, only one of which is the mystery word of the day. Rachel got me started on the game when I expressed to her a concern about growing older and more absent minded. Now I am addicted, the only upside being that I can blame her.

Anyhow, about the game. Each day players are given up to 6 chances to correctly guess the word. Each guess reveals either correct or incorrect letters, some of them already placed appropriately in the word, others simply part of the word but not in the right spot. Do you know how many 5 letter words are part of the English lexicon? Far more words than my limited mental functioning has access to. Rachel advised me that she starts each puzzle with specific words, each with a few consonants and a couple of vowels. So I did likewise. Each puzzle I begin with my favorite 5 letter words, each with a few consonants and a couple of vowels - GRACE, FAITH, DOUBT, LOVED, MERCY, SAVED....you get the idea.

That daily puzzle has me wondering how many words we use in our daily vocabulary which reflect our Christian beliefs? I can come up with lots of them. Add Biblical people's names to the mix and we have even more: JESUS, MOSES, SARAH, PETER, JAMES, LYDIA.

What really important words shape your Christian witness? For a long time mine was shaped more by words which pointed out my sinful nature - words like GUILTY or SINNER or BROKEN or CONDEMNED - none of which are 5 letter words. I had to train my brain to work in a specific way to search for 5 letter words. That's part of learning to capably navigate the puzzle.

It's also part of learning to navigate life as a witness to the One who is Love in the flesh, who's steadfast mercy includes the whole human family. JESUS. Think on it - without Him we can't be WHOLE or FOUND. That friends is GRACE upon GRACE and GRACE ALONE.

Peace be with you, always!

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Worship Focus for March

March 5 & 6 First Weekend in Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

March 12 & 13 Second Weekend in Lent

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

March 19 & 20 Third Weekend in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

March 26 & 27 Fourth Weekend in Lent

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!



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"Making Change" Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after". We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. The hymnwriter Joachim Neander proclaimed God's steadfast love in the midst of life's inevitable changes: "All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own" (ELW 757).

Our Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 and concludes with Holy Week, April 10-16, 2022. Each week we will gather for worship on Wednesdays, with the Bryan congregations alternating between Trinity and First Lutheran, and weekly services each Wednesday evening at St. Peter's, Edon. The schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 2 - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes. 12 Noon at Trinity and 7 p.m. at First Lutheran and St. Peter's, Edon.

Wednesday, March 9 - Change of Seasons 7 p.m. at Trinity "For everything there is a season." We hear those familiar words telling us that life is full of changes. Jesus' parables are also filled with images of life transformed. Just as the mustard seed grows into a tree or yeast turns flour into bread, we too are called to be agents of change in the kingdom of God. Christ did not come to earth to maintain the status quo, but rather to usher in a change of season. Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Luke 13:18-21.

Wednesday, March 16 - Change of Circumstances 7 p.m. at First Lutheran. We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God in all circumstances. Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 and Luke 12:22-34.

Wednesday, March 23 - Change of Habits 7 p.m. at Trinity. Bad habits are hard to break. The letter to the Galatians urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ. Scripture: Galatians 5:16-25 and Luke 6:46-49.

Wednesday, March 30 - Change of Plans 7 p.m. at First Lutheran. God's ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine. Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-15 and Mark 10:32-34.

Wednesday, April 6 - Change of Heart 7 p.m. at Trinity. Jesus' words to the Pharisees give us pause: "You honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me." Jesus invites us to experience a change of heart that will in fact change every part of our lives. Scripture: Ezekiel 36:22-28 and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 and 21-23.

Thank you

A great big thank you to all who attended the bread-baking workshop at Trinity. It was so exciting to have such a nice mix from all three congregations in the parish. A special thank you to my very able assistant, Nadia Moore, a wonderful baker in her own right. And a great big thank you to Pastor Mary Beth for taking charge of the dish-washing crew. Thanks to Beth Moore for taking pictures to remember the day. What a fun and blessed day. You all rock! Jan Hitchcock



Thank you all for your kindness and generosity with all the wonderful meals you brought for Duane and I during our time with Covid. Everything was super delicious and we sure appreciated it. Blessings, Pastor Proctor

Thank you to Emma Schlade who provided the beautiful choral and piano offering of "O Holy Night" for Christmas Eve worship - like the angels singing of great joy, her song was worship in the most glorious form.



Thank you to the many people who kept all the balls in the air while I was gone for sabbatical Deacon Jeanie, Rhonda, Ed, Council Members and others who stepped up and helped out in various ways.



Thank you to the following who are part of the Sabbatical Committee: since fall of 2019 the following people have contributed their time, energy and commitment to the process of applying for a sabbatical grant and seeing the plan through to its completion. Pastor David Proctor, Jane Whisler, Janet Hitchcock, Cathy Leu, Suzanne Hollabaugh, Tiffany McBride, Cheryl Chapman & Tim Foster, Suzanne & Gary Powell, and Deacon Jean Wise. Because these people captured the vision and carried much of the load, my sabbatical will have lasting impact on my ministry and our partnership in the gospel through the Williams County ELCA Parish.



Catechism Mentors make a huge contribution to the faith formation of our youth. Those who have served in that capacity over the past 2 program years are: Jane Whisler, Janet Hitchcock, Steve Hess and Lisa Whitman. Thank you, on behalf of the Body of Christ, to these people for walking the talk.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March brings birthdays for four special people at Trinity. A new octogenarian to the group is Doug Johnson, 1107 Fairlawn Drive, as he turns 80 on the 5th. Tom

Baird, 708 Noble Drive, will be 81 on the 10th and on the 14th we celebrate another new octogenarian, Henry Burklo, 100 Sycamore Lane, as he also turns 80. Doris Geren, 01690 St. Rt. 576, turns 86 on the 25th and on the 26th, Thelma Coolman, c/o Kathy Coolman, 1501 Woodstream Avenue, turns 88.

Take 5 for Faith

5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

Share your ups & downs of the day.

Read the suggested Bible passage.

Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.

Pray for family, friends, the church & world.

Bless yourself & others.

March 1 - Psalm 60	March 19 - Psalm 78
March 2 - Psalm 61	March 20 - Psalm 79
March 3 - Psalm 62	March 21 - Psalm 80
March 4 - Psalm 63	March 22 - Psalm 81
March 5 - Psalm 64	March 23 - Psalm 82
March 6 - Psalm 65	March 24 - Psalm 83
March 7 - Psalm 66	March 25 - Psalm 84
March 8 - Psalm 67	March 26 - Psalm 85
March 9 - Psalm 68	March 27 - Psalm 86
March 10 - Psalm 69	March 28 - Psalm 87
March 11 - Psalm 70	March 29 - Psalm 88
March 12 - Psalm 71	March 30 - Psalm 89
March 13 - Psalm 72	March 31 - Psalm 90
March 14 - Psalm 73	April 1 - Psalm 91
March 15 - Psalm 74	April 2 - Psalm 92
March 16 - Psalm 75	April 3 - Psalm 93
March 17 - Psalm 76	April 4 - Psalm 94
March 18 - Psalm 77	April 5 - Psalm 95

LOOK WHO'S NEW IN PINK



Congratulations

to Grandparents Tom & Martha Eickhoff with the birth of Fay Allean Hartman to Sarah & Wayne Hartman on Saturday, February 19th.



Wise Words

March is a season of change and so is the time of Lent. Change will be the theme for many of our Sundays and Wednesday evening Lenten services this year.

I don't think I am alone admitting change is hard. I get comfortable in knowing the expected routines, the predictability of what will occur next and the relishing my false sense of control of life without the upheaval of change. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said that "change is the only constant in life." It means that the world is always changing. So is life. So are our circumstances. So are people. Some change occurs slowly over time like the dawn's morning light coming sooner in spring and days lasting longer. Others happen abruptly like losing an hour of sleep with the time change or an unexpected diagnosis or loss. We choose some changes in life, but many others arrived uninvited.

Change naturally disrupts us and may bring fear and anxiety but transformation also signals growth and adventure into discovery, creativity, and growing grace and love. Instead of a dreaded threat, change can be an invitation of promise and blessing. We walk with God and take the next steps in faith and trust. God is our strong foundation in times of peace and joy and in moments of turbulent change. His word guides us through uncertainty.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

God is always with us no matter the changes in life. I hope you take the time to come to Wednesday evening Lenten services this year to hear more about our Christian walk towards Easter even among all the changes we experience. Irish poet John O'Donohue wrote, "I would love to live like a river flows, carried by the surprise of its own unfolding." May this season of life bring an unfolding flow of blessings for you through change.

Jeanie



BY GRACE... WITH GRATITUDE

You are
Cordially Invited to attend
the Annual Meeting of the
Lutheran Ministries of Mercy

✦ Featuring the remarks of energizing special guest, Reverend Dr. Niklaus (Nik) Schillack, Pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

✦ Pastors, we encourage you to bring 2 delegates from your congregations! We would love for all to know our ministries—YOUR church at work.

For questions, contact Karen Shaffer
419-972-4394 or kshaffe@lutherhome.org

March 14, 2022

**5:30 Doors Open
6:30 Meeting Begins**

The Pinnacle

1772 Indian Wood Circle
Maumee, Ohio

Tickets \$30

Hearty Grazing, Dessert and Beverage Stations!
(Clergy admitted free of charge)

Registration

Visit lutheranministriesofmercy.org or any
LMM affiliate agency's website.

RSVP by March 10

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SAVE THE DATE

**162nd Annual Meeting of
Member Congregations**
Thursday, April 7, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual event only



ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH

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Easter Lilies and Tulips

If interested in purchasing a beautiful bulb plant to decorate the church on Easter weekend please see the sign-up sheets on the kiosk in the narthex. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Payment may be made to the Church in the envelopes provided and dropped in the offering plate. Please indicate for whom the plant is being offered.

Please remember our shut-ins with prayers, notes, cards, etc. They really enjoy hearing from you.

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MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	PROJECTION	ACOLYTE	SOUND
March 6	Mike Bever	Emma Schlade	Jim Hitchcock
March 13	Joe Whisler	Olivia Johnston	Henry Burklo
March 20	Buddy Rossow	Nadia Moore	Tom Smith
March 27	Rob Goodlive	Alex Diaz	Paul Vargo

February Attendance & Offerings

Date Attendance Offering
Budgeted Need \$3,848.00

2/5/2022 Sat Worship	cancelled	
2/6/2022 Sun Worship	45	\$4,405.61
2/12/2022 Sat Worship	30	
2/13/2022 Sun Worship	27	\$1,890.00
2/19/2022 Sat Worship	27	
2/20/2022 Sun Worship	35	\$3,976.00
2/26/2022 Sat Worship	n/a	
2/27/2022 Sun Worship	n/a	n/a

Avg Attendance Jan 2022 n/a

building use - kitchen	220.00
Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran	3280.32
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3216.45
initial offering	5.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	54.00

March Baptism Birthdays

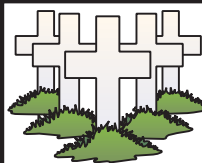
1 Ava Moore	19 Jamie Sanders
12 Mike Bever	19 Diana Stiverson
12 Julie Taylor	20 Rodney Missler
12 Paige Gansmiller	20 Mary Beth Smith-Gunn
12 Jeff Whitman	22 Beth Snyder
12 Jacob Whitman	23 Kirsten Wieland
13 Bradley Plummer	23 Hannah Wieland
13 Pamela Plummer	23 Eli Umbaugh
13 Lester Plummer	25 DeWayne Essex
15 James Schlosser	25 Bob Snyder
16 Trudy Day	27 Jax Gearig
17 Sarah Hartman	28 Altha Dooley
17 Kim Reed	31 Joseph Schubert
18 Howard Vreeland	

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship



We are fortunate as a congregation to have a scholarship fund that can be of assistance to our people who are pursuing additional education beyond high school.

Started as a memorial to Joseph Yekisa, the fund is supported by gifts from members. Any confirmed member who is pursuing higher education is eligible to be considered. Applications are at the church office or online at www.tlcbryan.com and the deadline for returning them is April 30th.



Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...

Mike & Sue Bever with the passing of Mike's mother, Donna Bever on February 18, 2022. She was 92.

"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them"



March Scripture Verse

Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD! Psalm 27:14












Prayer Quote

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in depth of our hearts. Mother Teresa





March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Ash Wednesday noon service at Trinity 7:00pm services at First and St. Peters	2	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5  Happy Birthday Doug Johnson (80) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	7	8 7:00pm Dartball home vs Napoleon	9 7:00pm Lenten service at Trinity	10  Happy Birthday Tom Baird (81)	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	13  Happy Birthday Henry Burklo (80) 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm Council	14	15 7:00pm Lenten service at First	16	17  St. Patrick's Day Pastor's Day Off	18 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
19 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC  First Day of Spring	20	21 Deadline for April Trumpet	22 7:00pm Lenten service at Trinity	23	24  Happy Birthday Doris Geren (86) Pastor's Day Off	25  Happy Birthday Thelma Coolman (88) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	27	28	29 7:00pm Lenten service at First	30	31	